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Dear Mr. President Dr. Aján,

As President of the German Weightlifting Federation BVDG I was the addressee for your letter dated from 16 August 2012. As well on behalf of BVDG – after thoroughly discussing this letter within our organization – I officially address these words as answer to you.

Obviously your letter is showing the huge gap between the real world and your perception. Although you may neglect some facts, you never can have your own ones! At least not in this world! Let me clarify and explain some of the unalterable facts for you:

1. Mr. Dr. Christian Baumgartner is elected and fully empowered by BVDG as one of its two Vice Presidents and as AntiDoping Representative. Thus, he is a legal representative of BVDG being a regular member of IWF.
2. All criticism brought forward by Dr. Baumgartner was put forward on behalf of BVDG, representing the German Weightlifting Sport Community. You are well aware that BVDG has been making proposals to improve the IWF AntiDoping System since 2004 in numerous letters to IWF and you personally – without any positive reaction. Dr. Baumgartner stepped into his present position as AntiDoping Representative in 2005 and is only continuing this troublesome work for BVDG. I also want to remind you that our open letter from July 2011, which was put forward as a motion to IWF and not treated as such by the IWF bodies, was unanimously approved as well by the EWF congress in Bucharest.
3. No single factual reply has been given so far by any of the IWF bodies to the questions BVDG had put on the table! There is no evidence available that any “reply” of IWF had been considered and confirmed by WADA or IOC.
4. BVDG is not “accusing everyone else with doping” as you would like to convey a false impression. No, BVDG is criticizing the IWF AntiDoping System, which is leaving far too much space for cheaters and gravediggers of our weightlifting sport. And consequently, as you are the one responsible for this sick and Janus-faced system, you are the one BVDG is accusing! By the way, the reasoning and wording in the third paragraph of your letter is absolutely unacceptable! BVDG as a member of IWF cannot accept such impertinence, such impudence by an elected official of its International Federation. Once again you have overstepped the mark of fairness and official duty of an IWF President!



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After clarifying this, I want to have a closer look on the real facts – not the Aján facts – and analyze the situation 2012 regarding the IWF AntiDoping System for male athletes until the Olympic Games in London.

1. IWF published the so called International Registered Testing Pool (IRTP). BVDG wrote a letter to you and wanted to know the criteria for setting up this IRTP 2012; we never received a concrete answer! There are 72 male athletes in the IRTP, many of the top athletes missing.
2. Analyzing the data IWF published on 19 July 2012 on its website, the following facts are appearing:
 - a. out of 72 men in the IRTP 34 were competing at the Olympic Games (47%)
 - b. only 22% of the athletes competing at the Olympic Games were listed in the IRTP
 - c. 72 IRTP-athletes were tested only 42 times out of competition, not even once per athlete
 - d. 47 athletes out of 72 had no control out of competition!
 - e. 30 IRTP-athletes had no control at all! 10 of those competing at the Olympic Games.
 - f. IWF performed 714 doping controls overall in the first half of 2012.
 - g. 70 (10%) were targeted at athletes of the IRTP and
 - h. 42 (6%) at athletes of the IRTP competing in London.
3. According to an IWF decision, reported in the protocol of the IWF Congress on 10 May 2012 in Antigua, Guatemala, all Olympic competitors should have been tested two times before the Olympic Games in London (quotation from the minutes under 11.2: *Dr. Ungár pointed out that before 16 July the IWF would test the Olympic participants, all the 260 competitors, a minimum of 2 times*). There were 156 male athletes competing at the Olympic Games.
4. Concentrating on competitors at the Olympic Games in London, you have to realize the following:
 - a. IWF performed 714 doping controls overall in the first half of 2012.
 - b. 219 (31%) were conducted in athletes competing at the Olympic Games.
 - c. Out of the 155 male competitors 57 had only one control in 2012 before the Games, 36 athletes had no control at all! Thus, the announcement made by IWF in May was fulfilled to 40%, which marks the deterring potential of the IWF AntiDoping System.
5. At present there is no legitimate AntiDoping Commission organizing and controlling the IWF work. Thus the data mentioned above are the result of your work.

Dear Mr. President Dr. Ajan, these are some of the irrefutable facts about your “highly efficient” IWF AntiDoping System! And dear Mr. President, these are not “old phrases” but new data you have produced by yourself and you are responsible for! Who is following a “political agenda” when calling this “highly efficient and a leading example” within the IFs?

In fact BVDG calls this an “act of bringing the IWF into disrepute and seriously demolishing weightlifting’s prestige”! Why is this justified? Richard Pound, former WADA President and Vice President of IOC recommended during an interview at the Olympic Games in London “to give at least a four years’ break to the weightlifting sport at the Olympic Games; perhaps this will help the federation to organize a more effective AntiDoping System.” Nothing more to add...

Taking this into account, Mr. President, it is high time for you to draw the consequences and stand down from your office in IWF! For the sake of our beloved Weightlifting Sport, retire from IWF Presidency!

Truly yours



Claus Umbach
President